



Clinical Congress News

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The American College of Surgeons is dedicated to improving the care of the surgical patient and to safeguarding standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment.

AUA Lecture

Dr. Debas predicts transformations in health care delivery and technology

A remarkable revolution in health care delivery and in science and technology took place during the last part of the twentieth century, according to Haile T. Debas, MD, FACS, who delivered the American Urological Association (AUA) Lecture yesterday morning. These changes, however, were just the beginning. Surgical practice and delivery of services will undergo further transformation in this century, Dr. Debas, vice-chancellor for medical affairs and dean of the school of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, indicated.

Among one of the most noteworthy and far-reaching changes that occurred during the last century was the development and proliferation of managed care systems, Dr. Debas said. Managed care plans were designed with the intent of controlling escalating health care costs but failed to deliver on that promise.

Managed care's constraints and ineffectiveness have led to a what Dr. Debas called a "dysfunctional health care system," which is characterized by restricted access, a dissatisfied public, and an unhappy and undersized health care workforce.

As the managed care revolution comes to an end, employers who provide health care benefits to their workers are seeking new ways to contain the cost of providing insurance coverage, including requiring employers to make "defined contributions." Under this system, employees will pay more toward their insurance premiums and have higher copayments. As result, the patients will shop for the insurance plans that best suit their needs.

Other societal and systemic forces that are creating change for the surgical profession include the rising costs of prescription drugs, "the graying of America," and the escalating number of individuals with chronic health conditions, Dr. Debas said.

"The increasingly well-informed public will have a profound effect on health care delivery," Dr. Debas added. Patients who have researched their medical conditions and the available means of preventing and curing disease will be the "best ally for the surgical profession" because they will have a better understanding of their treatment



ACS President R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS (right) officially opened the 88th Clinical Congress Monday morning at Moscone Center.

options and the effectiveness of surgical procedures.

Because an estimated 45 million U.S. citizens are uninsured or underinsured, a requirement for health care in the twenty-first century will be universal coverage," Dr. Debas said. This goal "might be achieved by creative interaction between the public sector and the private sector," Dr. Debas said, noting that it is unlikely that the U.S. would adopt the government-based delivery systems that function in Europe and other parts of the world.

Whatever form the new system takes, it will need to be "safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable," Dr. Debas said.

Dr. Debas also predicted some possible changes in approach to surgical practice and the delivery of services that may emerge in the years. "Where in the past we were reactive, in the future we will be proactive," Dr. Debas said. Other shifts that will occur is movement from a "find it, fix it" approach to resolving problems to a "predict it, prevent it, and, if can't be prevented, then fix it" mentality. A physician-directed decision-making process will continue to become more

interactive, evidence-based medicine will replace experience-based practices, and health care planning and sensitivity to costs will become more powerful drivers of care, he added.

In addition to discussing the possible new direction of the nation's health care system, Dr. Debas talked about how advances in science and technology are influencing the surgical profession and patient care.

"At the end of twentieth century, we saw how advances in technology could profoundly change the practice of surgery," Dr. Debas added. Advances in science and technology that had this transforming quality include the development of imaging techniques, minimal access operations, endoscopy, catheter-based therapies, information technology, and computer-based surgery. As a result, invasive procedures have been and will continue to be replaced by non-invasive ones.

Because of these advances, the standard of care has changed. For example, laparoscopic cholecystectomy, minimal access anti-reflux surgery, Heller myotomy, and so on are the preferred operations for various conditions that general surgeons treat.

While new technology has made operations less severe and have reduced recovery times, they have generated to new concerns. "Safety issues continue to be paramount," Dr. Debas said. Genomic research may lead to "tailor-made" care for patients. However, when combined with the computerization of medical records, genetic research creates the need for effective legislation to protect patient confidentiality and to prevent discrimination against patients who are predisposed to certain conditions.

Future advances in surgical technology that Dr. Debas predicted may emerge soon include "smart" surgical instruments, more computer- and robot-assisted operations, simulated and virtual reality training techniques, and tissue engineering.

Dr. Debas warned that "progress is not always linear." Fluctuations in the economy, the mood of the public, and manufacturing could result in different outcomes than those predicted. "I assure you, I have no crystal ball," he said.

ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC reception today

Surgeons frequently talk to me at meetings about the tremendous changes that have occurred in our practice environment over the years and the effect these changes have had on their ability to provide high-quality surgical care. Sharp declines in Medicare payments are part of the story. Combined with the current liability and regulatory climates, the situation for many of us has become intolerable.

Resolved to strengthen its efforts to address these problems, the Board of Regents recently formed the American College of Surgeons Professional Association (ACSPA). This new corporation, affiliated with the College, has a

more flexible tax status that will allow surgeons to employ new and powerful tools to help them regain some of the control they've lost over their practices. Among the first priorities of this new corporation, which has now been accomplished, was the establishment of a political action committee, known as **ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC**. The Executive Board of the committee will comprise representatives from general surgery and the surgical subspecialties in order to represent the broad interest of surgeons.

The goals of ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC are to keep surgeons informed of policy efforts in Washington, DC, to illustrate to policymakers the imperative for

change, and to offer valued support to those political candidates who recognize and address surgery's concerns. Key to this effort is surgeon involvement in the process.

I would appreciate a chance to tell you and your spouse more about the PAC and our plans for the future. U.S. dues-paying members and their spouses are invited to join us for a reception from 4:00 to 7:00 pm today in Yosemite B of the Hilton San Francisco Hotel.

**Andrew L. Warshaw, MD, FACS
Chair, Executive Board
ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC**



Dr. Warshaw

Gibbon Lecture

Information exchange and communication not the same

Thomas B. Ferguson, MD, FACS, posed the question of whether information exchange and communication are the same during the John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture yesterday morning. "I do not think they are the same," said Dr. Ferguson, a thoracic surgeon and professor emeritus of surgery at the school of medicine at Washington University of St. Louis, MO.

When two or more people exchange information, the only goal is to impart and receive data. "Communication implies that the information exchanged is understood in the same way by the imparter and the recipient," he said.

It is very important for surgeons to understand the difference between sharing information and communicating with patients. "One of the principle causes of the erosion of the doctor-patient relationship is the erosion of communication," Dr. Ferguson said.

Much of Dr. Ferguson's discussion centered on the history of communications technology, noting that the spoken language probably began with grunts and other sounds drawn from the environment to communicate dan-

ger, wants, and needs. The first written languages, such as pictographs, hieroglyphics, and so on, used symbols to show other people where to find food, water, and safe and dangerous places.

These types of information exchanges were generally between people living within a common area. Hence, the next communication hurdle was to impart information over a distance, Dr. Ferguson said. As a result, people started sending information via human couriers, carrier pigeons, and eventually the telegraph, the locomotive, and so on. The Gutenberg press led to the first mass publication of a book, specifically the Bible, which could be disseminated to people all over the world.

Throughout the last century, communications technology expanded to include the telephone, airplanes, television, and computers. These "grand inventions" allowed us to "project man's voice across the horizon," Dr. Ferguson said. The telephone made it possible for one-on-one interchanges to take place over the miles. Television extended communications between one pre-

sender of information and many recipients, and the Internet makes it possible for many senders of information to have an interchange with many recipients.

As a result, we are facing what Dr. Ferguson calls an "information glut." Because people are so saturated with information, a sense of anxiety has resulted. There is a perception that we are experiencing "a gap between what we understand and what we think we should understand," Dr. Ferguson said. This wedge exists because information itself is not knowledge, he said.

Knowledge is attained and shared through real communication, which involves active speaking and listening. "The art of listening, if it can be called an art, is all but lost because we live in a world of noise," Dr. Ferguson. "Listening is more than sitting quietly while another person speaks, although that's a start," he said. It involves intelligent questioning, self-discipline, and practice.

Dr. Ferguson emphasized that is very important that surgeons not give into the modern tendency to just impart information to their patients and to the



Dr. Ferguson

public, but instead to truly communicate with them so that the bond of trust between physician and patient is maintained.

The John H. Gibbon, Jr., Lecture has been presented at the Clinical Congress each year since 1979 to honor this pioneer of open-heart surgery. The lecture is sponsored by the Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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Professional liability postgraduate course to focus on patient safety

Patient safety has always been a major concern of the American College of Surgeons. Examples of initiatives addressing the issue include espousing stringent criteria for the credentialing of surgeons, publishing manuals for patient safety, providing courses for training surgeons in the use of new technologies, establishing guidelines for the accreditation of outpatient surgery centers, organizing systems for the accreditation of hospitals, clarifying physicians' health issues, and certifying cancer centers.

Resulting from the Institute of Medicine's report, *To Err Is Human: Building a Safer Health System*, which declared that hospitals are prohibitively unsafe and that disclosure of errors through new government regulations is a prerequisite for improvement, the relationship between liability and patient safety has only recently been brought into focus.

To more specifically address patient safety as it relates to professional liability, the ACS Professional Liability Committee assumed a new name—the Regents' Committee on Patient Safety and Professional Liability. Among the many activities of the College that address medical professional liability is a postgraduate (PG) course on Wednesday and Thursday.

This year's course, A Surgeon's Personal Guide to Risk Management and Trial Participation (PG No. 30), is a reflection of this new emphasis on patient safety.

Session I of this year's postgraduate course, The Surgeon's Personal Guide to Risk Management, will help surgeons understand their personal roles in risk management to enhance the safety of

patients and limit the liability of surgeons. The faculty for the course includes: Josef E. Fischer, MD, FACS; Lazar J. Greenfield, MD, FACS; J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS; and Jon A. van Heerden, MD, FACS. The topics include the use and abuse of guidelines in evidence-based surgery, controlling liability by correcting weaknesses through self-assessment and targeted continuing medical education, safe integration of new technologies into active practice, work-load and liability, and communication skills as shields from liability.

Despite surgeons' careful attention, patients occasionally pursue litigation. Session II, The Surgeon's Personal Guide to Trial Participation, will assist surgeons in such matters, making points through the medium of a mock trial and related didactic presentations.

Mock trials are unrehearsed, exciting, entertaining vehicles for education. Having presented similar trials for other groups of physicians and attorneys, the faculty for this course is dynamic and experienced. Other pertinent topics will be presented, including medical malpractice from a plaintiff attorney's perspective and a timely overview of the current medical malpractice insurance crisis.

Session I of PG No. 30 will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 8:30 am - 12:00 noon in Room 303 of Moscone Center, and Session II will be held on Thursday, October 10, 8:30 am - 12:00 noon in Rooms 120-125 of Moscone Center. Fellows may subscribe to either session or the entire course at their discretion.

Further information may be found on pages 159-160 of the Clinical Congress Program Book.



Dr. Fischer



Dr. Greenfield



Dr. O'Leary



Dr. van Heerden

College sponsors professional liability insurance program

Because of concerns about the current situation with regard to professional liability insurance—especially lack of or limited access to coverage for some of its members—the American College of Surgeons has established a business relationship with The Doctors Company. Through this relationship, the College is sponsoring a professional liability insurance program for its members. Founded by doctors for doctors, The Doctors Company—the

leading national physician-owned professional liability insurer—provides medical malpractice protection for more than 26,000 physicians coast-to-coast. A mutually owned entity, The Doctors Company offers a unique product line and is a quality carrier as indicated by its "A" rating from A.M. Best Company. For more information about the program, call The Doctors Company at 800/352-0320 or visit <http://www.thedoctorscompany.com>.



Help and Information Center

The Help and Information Center in Moscone Center may be reached by calling (415)978-3527 during registration hours.

Registration totals

As of Monday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 13,147; 7,525 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

New York set to host 31st Spring Meeting in April

The 31st annual Spring Meeting of the American College of Surgeons will be held April 12-15, 2003, at the New York Hilton, New York, NY.

Under the auspices of the College's Advisory Council for General Surgery, the annual Spring Meeting is devoted to meeting the educational interests and needs of the practicing general surgeon.

Richard J. Finley, MD, FACS, will moderate the 2003 Annual Assembly for General Surgeons, to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2003. Throughout the four-day meeting, various general sessions and postgraduate courses will cover current aspects of clinical management, such as advanced coding, ultrasound in the acute setting, bariatric sur-

gery, and breast ultrasound. The Excelsior Lecture for 2003 will be presented by Clyde F. Barker, MD, FACS.

Technical exhibits will again enhance the meeting. Approximately 50 companies will present products or services that relate to the practice of surgery.

The preliminary program will be published in the January 2003 issue of the *Bulletin*, and further information will be posted on the ACS Web site in the near future.

The Spring Meeting in New York will surely provide high-quality educational sessions and networking opportunities for practicing surgeons.

2003 Spring Meeting Preliminary Program

Assembly for General Surgeons

Changes in Surgical Practice:
Getting Ahead of the Game

Excelsior Surgical Society/Edward D. Churchill Lecture

Clyde F. Barker, MD, FACS,
Philadelphia, PA

General Sessions

- Evaluation of Abdomen in Acutely Injured
- Vascular Access
- Image-Detected Breast Cancer: State-of-the-Art Diagnosis and Treatment



- Prospering in the New Millennium: Practical Strategies for Practice Management
- Professionalism in Clinical Practice
- Video Program/Highlights of the 2002 Clinical Congress
- Endovascular Surgery for General Surgeons
- Open vs. Laparoscopic Colon Surgery
- Recruitment and Retention of Residents
- Spectacular Cases from Residents
- Clinical Palliative Care in the Trenches

Postgraduate Courses

- Advanced Coding for Surgeons
- Ultrasound in Acute Setting
- Technology-Based Point of Care
- Charting a Safe Course for Surgical Practices
- Minimal Access Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Bariatric Surgery
- Breast Ultrasound
- Stereostatic Breast Biopsy
- Media Training for Surgeons



Dr. Finley

CME Joint Sponsorship Program continues to grow

The American College of Surgeons initiated a CME Joint Sponsorship Program in July 2001 that is designed to be a cost-effective method for smaller, nonaccredited societies to comply with Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) regulations for continuing medical education. The College is a national accrediting organization under ACCME and assists nonaccredited not-for-profit surgical organizations in providing continuing medical education (CME) credit for their educational activities.

The College has jointly sponsored educational activities with the following societies: American Society of General Surgeons, Western Surgical Society, North Pacific Surgical Association, OSU/Cleveland Clinic, Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society, Pacific Coast Surgical Association, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, ASE/APDS Surgical Education Week, Oregon

Clinic/Legacy Health System, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine, Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society, Western Vascular Society, New England Surgical Society, Illinois Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, and Mission St. Joseph's Health System.

Upcoming jointly sponsored educational activities include:

**Illinois Association of
Orthopaedic Surgeons**
2002 Fall Scientific Meeting
Chicago, IL
October 19, 2002

**Mission St. Joseph's Health
System**
Fourth Annual Trauma and Critical Care Symposium
Asheville, NC
October 19, 2002

Oregon Clinic/Legacy Health System

Updates: Minimally Invasive Gastrointestinal Surgery
Honolulu, HI
November 4 - 8, 2002

North Pacific Surgical Association

89th Annual Meeting
Seattle, WA
November 8 - 9, 2002

The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists

Annual Meeting on Women's Cancer
New Orleans, LA
January 31 - February 4, 2003

Ohio State University/Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery
2003: Technical Considerations
in Laparoscopy
Marco Island, FL
January 31 - February 2, 2003

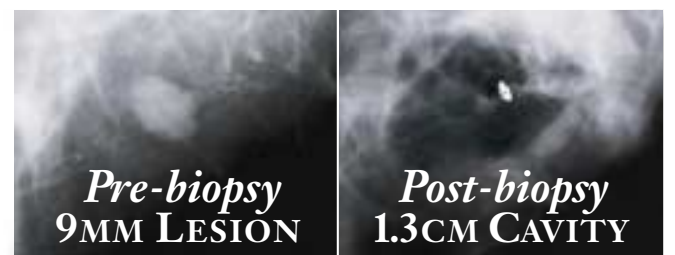


Please visit the Education Office in Moscone Center for further information and an application, or, following the Congress, contact the program's administrator, Kathleen Goldsmith, via e-mail at JSP@facs.org, or by phone at 312/202-5212. Application materials are also available on the ACS Web site under "Continuing Medical Education" at http://www.facs.org/meetings_events/cme_events.html.

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Allied Meetings

Tuesday

Morning

ISDS (Formerly CICD)

6:30 am - 8:00 am, Breakfast
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan C,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of General Surgeons

6:30 am - 10:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 17-18,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Indiana Chapter, ACS

7:00 am - 9:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 6, Lower B-2

VascularWeb Section Editor's Meeting

8:00 am - 10:00 am
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra B

Surgical Journal Editors' Group Annual Breakfast Meeting

7:00 am - 8:45 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan D,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

ASCRS CME Committee

7:00 am - 8:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 12,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS - Bylaws Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 8,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS Socioeconomic Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 11,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS Quality Assessment and Safety Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 10,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Afternoon

American Society of General Surgeons

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial A, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Association for Surgical Education

Testing & Evaluation Committee
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific D, Floor Four

International Surgical Society - US Chapter Executive Luncheon Meeting

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 1, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS Young Surgeons Committee

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 10, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

James IV Association of Surgeons Annual Meeting

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial A, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

ASCRS - Professional Outreach Committee

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union
Square 12, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Evening

ASCRS Reception for General Surgery Residents

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
San Francisco Marriott, Gold Conte C1,
Level B2

Baylor/UTMB-Galveston

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 5, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of New Mexico Department of Surgery Building a Tradition Reception

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 4-5, Lower
B-2

SUNY UPSTATE Medical University and Syracuse Medical Alumni Association

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Olympic, Floor Two

University of North Carolina Surgical Alumni/ Nathan A. Womack Surgical Society

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 6, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of California, San Diego-Foundation for Surgical Education

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Reception
Four Seasons Hotel

Marshal J. Orloff, MD, Society Reunion

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
Bizou (corner of 4th St./Brannan)

Columbia Presbyterian (John Jones Surgical Society) and P&S Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 5-6, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Corintia, Floor Two

Northwestern University, The Feinberg School of Medicine Surgical Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union
Square 21, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Roy D. McClure Surgical Alumni Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 19-20,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Wayne State University

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Pavillion, Lobby

Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Department of Surgery and Surgical Sciences

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Crystal, Lobby

U.C. Davis Surgical Association

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite C, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Rochester

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan
B, Floor Two

University at Buffalo, Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 25, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Ohio Cocktail Party - University of Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve University, and Ohio State University

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 4, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Iowa Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan A, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Louisville and University of Kentucky, Reception for Faculty, Alumni and Friends

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 7-8,
Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Oklahoma Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 13,
Floor Four, Bldg. 3

University of Washington Henry N. Harkins Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Plaza B, Lobby Level,
Bldgs. 1,2,3

South Carolina Chapter, American College of Surgeons; Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina; University of South Carolina School of Medicine; Greenville General Hospital Systems; Spartanburg Regional Hospital

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel , California, Mezzanine

Department of Surgery, SUNY Stony Brook & Brooklyn & L.I. Chapter/ACS

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan C, Floor Two

Tufts University School of Medicine

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Green Room, Lobby

Guthrie/ Robert Packer Hospital - Donald Guthrie Society

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra B, Floor Five

Hong Kong Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 17-18, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Indiana University School of Medicine Alumni Association and Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 3, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

James IV Association of Surgeons Annual Reception

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial B, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Maimonides Surgical Society

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 1-2, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Department of Surgery Alumni

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite A, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

BJS "Meet the Editor" Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific H, Floor Four
Sponsored by John Wiley & Sons

University of Wisconsin Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan A, Floor Two

Jefferson Medical College Alumni Association and the Department of Surgery

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Nob Hill A, Lower B-2

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Alumni

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
Renaissance Stanford Court, Vista Terrace

Thailand Chapter, American College of Surgeons

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
Hilton San Francisco, Sierra J

Duke University Surgical Alumni Reception

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Fountain, Lobby

New Jersey University Programs & ACS Chapter

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan C, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union
Square 8, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia, University of Virginia, Eastern Virginia Medical School

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel , Gold, Lobby

University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra H, Floor Five

The James D. Hardy Society and The Department of Surgery

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union
Square 3-4, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Mayo Clinic Alumni Association

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Renaissance Parc 55, Sienna, Floor Three

University of Michigan Alumni

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
Carnelian Room, Bank of America Bldg., Floor
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Association of Iranian Surgeons Meeting

6:30 pm, Dinner
Alborz Restaurant

AUB Alumni Surgical Society of North America

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra A, Floor Five

Boston University Alumni Cocktail Reception

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan B, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Canadian Departments of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Elizabethan D, Floor Two

University of Utah, Department of Surgery Alumni

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 15-16, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Society of Phillipine Surgeons in America Annual Induction of Officers

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 6, Lower
B-2

Georgia Chapter, ACS; Mercer University/Will Sealy Society; Medical College of Georgia/Department of Surgery; and Morehouse School of Medicine/Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 9, Ballroom
Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Medical College of Ohio Alumni

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Sierra C, Floor Five

Mississippi Surgical Society

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
Fairmont Hotel, Garden, Lobby

Chirurgio Society

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Tower Salon A, Lobby Level

Marshall J. Orloff M.D. Society

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
Bizou, Private Dining Room, Floor TBA

University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Ravdin-Rhoads Surgical Society

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm, Reception/Dinner
Renaissance Stanford Court, India Suite

Wednesday

Morning

AWS Networking

7:00 am - 10:00 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 1-3, Lower
B-2

ASCRS - Membership Committee

7:30 am - 8:30 am, Breakfast Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 12, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS - Standards Committee

8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 11, Floor
Four, Bldg. 3

Program Changes

General Sessions

Session added

Reducing Resident Work Hours: Models, Implications, and Impact

Wednesday, October 9, 1:30 - 3:00 pm
Moscone Center, Room 304

Speakers:
Richard H. Bell, Jr., MD, FACS,
Chicago, IL
Debra DeRosa, PhD, Chicago, IL
Gary L. Dunnington, MD, FACS,
Springfield, IL

This session describes the results of a recent Think Tank Consortium on Surgery Resident Work Hours, which included surgeons, residents, educators, and hospital administrators.

Room Changes

The room numbers for several general sessions have been changed. Following are the titles, dates, and times of the sessions with the updated room numbers.

Knowledge at the Point of Care: Handheld Computing for Surgeons (GS12)

Tuesday, October 8, 8:30 - 10:00 am
Moscone Center, Room 103

Radio-Guided Surgery (GS13)

Tuesday, October 8, 8:30 - 10:00 am
Moscone Convention Center, Room 304

The Ethics of Entrepreneurialism in Surgery (GS33)

Thursday, October 10, 8:00 - 11:30 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 236 - 238

When Do We Stop, and How Do We Do It? Medical Futility and Withdrawal of Care (GS37)

Thursday, October 10, 8:30 - 11:30 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 200 - 212

Surgical Frontiers (GS41)

Thursday, October 10, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Moscone Center, Room 103

Speaker changes

Speakers for several general sessions have changed. These modifications in the program are as follows:

Programa Hispanico

Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Moscone Center, Esplanade Ballroom, Room 135

Abaunza Orjuela Hernando, MD, FACS, Bogota, DC, Columbia, will present "Comments on the Surgeon at Risk: Myth or Reality?"

Impact of Mid-Level Providers on Resident Surgical Education

Wednesday, October 9, 8:30 am - 10:00 am
Moscone Center, Rooms 250-262
Scott F. Gallagher, MD, Tampa, FL, will present "Thoughts from a Resident."

Surgical Frontiers

Thursday, October 10, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Moscone Center, Room 103
Shawna C. Willey, MD, FACS, Washington, DC, will present "Political and National Policy."

Specialty Sessions

VS02 New Technical Approaches to Venous Surgery

Wednesday, October 9
10:30 - 12:00 noon
Room 102, Moscone Center

Transcatheter Thrombolysis for Acute Iliofemoral Deep Vein Thrombosis

Timur P. Sarac, MD, Cleveland, OH (*new speaker*)

Sclerotherapy for Varicose Veins

John J. Bergan, MD, FACS, La Jolla, CA (*replacement speaker*)

Exhibitors

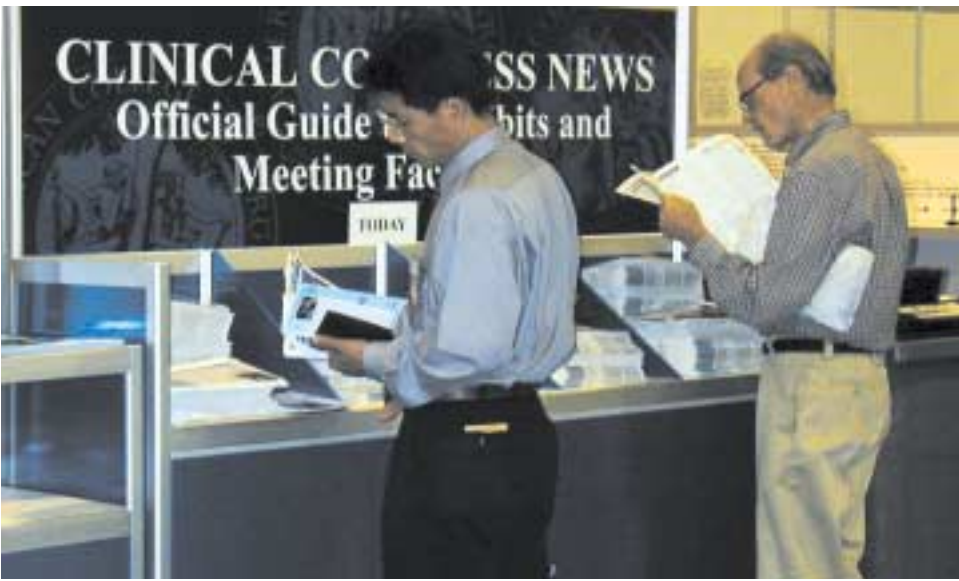
Several exhibitors were inadvertently omitted from the listing in the "Official Guide to the Exhibits and Meeting Facilities" insert in the Clinical Congress News.

Rubicor, Booth # 305

Breast Biopsy Devices
Biopsy Systems

SuturTek, Inc., Booth # 309

Devices, Suturing Safety
Suturing Device



Don't miss your Friday CCNews

Fellows who will not be in San Francisco this Friday to pick up their copy of the Clinical Congress News may obtain one by notifying the CCNews office in Moscone Center (tel. 978-3514). We will be happy to mail the issue to you.

The Friday edition contains information on:

- Coverage of the Presidential Address of Richard R. Sabo, MD, FACS
- Convocation activities
- The recipient of the ACS Distinguished Service Award
- The College's President-Elect and other Officers-Elect
- New and re-elected Regents and Governors

Also, any back issues of this week's CCNews may be obtained after the Congress by contacting Stephen Regnier, Communications, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211; tel. 312/202-5331, e-mail sregnier@facs.org.

International perspectives offered at Programa Hispanico

Minimally invasive surgery for GERD, bariatric surgery, laparoscopic-assisted colectomy in the management of colon cancer, and management of pancreatic cancer are among the topics to be presented on Wednesday, October 9, at Programa Hispanico.

This special program will be held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in Room 135 of Moscone Center. The all-day session will be moderated by Erwin F. Hirsch, MD, FACS, and will feature 18 leading experts from North and South America

discussing a variety of pertinent topics. The entire session will be simultaneously delivered in Spanish and English to enhance the educational value and encourage information exchange among Spanish-speaking Fellows.

In addition, this special program is being videotaped for subsequent development of a Web cast by the ACS Division of Education. The Web cast is being planned as a distance-learning education program that will make Category I CME credit available online.

Allied Meetings

ASCRS - RF Research Committee

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 10, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Afternoon

Central Surgical Association Membership Committee Meeting

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Meeting/Luncheon
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific D, Floor Four

ASCRS - Program Committee

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 13, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS - DC & R Co-editor's Meeting

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan D, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons RF Young Researchers

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 12, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

ASCRS - DC & R Editorial Board Meeting

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

SAGES Symposium

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Meeting and Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Yerba Salon 7, Lower B2

Central Surgical Association Foundation Board of Directors and Committee Members Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 24, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Evening

ASCRS Executive Council

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

USU Surgical Associates/Military Surgery Reception

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial A, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Colorado, Department of Surgery

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Plaza A, Lobby Level, Bldgs. 1,2,3

Society of Graduate Surgeons of LAC/USC

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Yosemite C, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Southern California Chapter, American College of Surgeons Initiates

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Reception
San Francisco Hilton, Continental 8, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

North American Chinese Surgical Society

6:30 pm, Annual Meeting
Harbor Village Restaurant. 4 Embarcadero Ctr.

Society of Asian Indian Surgeons of North America (SAISNA)

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Dinner/Annual Meeting
Gaylords Restaurant, 1 Embarcadero Center

Michigan State University Department of Surgery

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Reception
San Francisco Marriott, Pacific A, Floor Four

ASCRS Executive Council Dinner

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Dinner
San Francisco Hilton, Franciscan D, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

Thursday

Society of Surgical Chairs Annual Meeting

7:30 am - 5:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial A, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

International Federation of Surgical Colleges Executive Council

9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meeting
San Francisco Hilton, Union Square 1, Floor Four, Bldg. 3

Society of Surgical Chairs

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Luncheon
San Francisco Hilton, Imperial B, Ballroom Level, Bldgs 1,2,3

University of Maryland Alumni Reception

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Reception
Westin St. Francis, Yorkshire, Floor Two



Members of the Board of Regents, ACS Officers, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors met Saturday for their annual luncheon. Pictured front row, left to right: Sylvia Campbell, Tampa, FL; Margaret F. Longo, Hot Springs, AR; Edward R. Laws, Charlottesville, VA; Thomas R. Russell, Chicago, IL; Richard R. Sabo, Bozeman, MT; R. Scott Jones, Charlottesville, VA; Kathryn D. Anderson, Los Angeles, CA; and L.D. Britt, Norfolk, VA.

Second row: Paul E. Collicott, Chicago, IL; Gerald B. Healy, Boston, MA; Josef E. Fischer, Boston, MA; Mary H. McGrath, Maywood, IL; John T. Preskitt, Dallas, TX; J. Patrick O'Leary, New Orleans, LA; Jack W. McAninch, San Francisco, CA; John O. Gage, Pensacola, FL; John L. Cameron, Baltimore, MD; and A. Brent Eastman, La Jolla, CA.

Back row: Alden H. Harken, Denver, CO; Timothy C. Fabian, Memphis, TN; Steven W. Guyton, Seattle, WA; Ronald E. Rosenthal, Wayland, MA; William H. Coles, New Orleans, LA; Jonathan L. Meakins, Montreal, PQ; Maurice J. Webb, Rochester, MN; Richard J. Finley, Vancouver, BC; Barbara L. Bass, Baltimore, MD; Claude H. Organ, Jr., Oakland, CA; and Edward M. Copeland III, Gainesville, FL.

Not pictured: Julie A. Freischlag, Los Angeles, CA; Rene Lafreniere, Calgary, AB; Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., Galveston, TX; and Gay Vincent, Chicago, IL.



Pictured are attendees of the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) International Meeting, which took place this past Saturday and Sunday at the Hilton San Francisco.

College offers faculty research fellowships

The American College of Surgeons is offering two-year faculty research fellowships to surgeons entering academic careers in surgery or a surgical specialty. Designed to assist a surgeon in the establishment of a new and independent research program, the fellowship award

is in the amount of \$40,000 per year for each of two years to support the research. Applicants should have demonstrated their potential to work as independent investigators. One of the fellowships is named to honor Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS,

the founder of the American College of Surgeons. Another is the C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, Faculty Research Fellowship for the Study of Trauma and Critical Care. The deadline for submitting applications is November 1, 2002. Application

forms may be obtained by contacting Kate Early via e-mail at kearly@facs.org, or by calling 312-202-5281. The requirements and application forms are also posted at <http://www.facs.org/dept/fellowship/acsfaculty.html>.